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SUBJ: STAFFING MEXICO CITY TRADE CENTER

1. INTERESTED OFFICERS IN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE WILL RECALL THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I SOUGHT TO HAVE TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR ROBERT FOGLESONG EXTENDED AT MEXICO CITY FOR THIRD YEAR. BOWING TO PRESSURES FROM WASHINGTON, I RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO HIS TRANSFER LEST HIS EXTENSION HERE DENY HIM A CHANCE TO ACCEPT GREATER CAREER CHALLENGE AND PERHAPS EARN PROMOTION.

2. I NOW UNDERSTAND THAT MR. FOGLESONG, RESPONDING TO URGINGS FROM WASHINGTON, IS PLANNING EARLY JULY DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO CITY AND THAT HIS REPLACEMENT, ROE PRESTON, WILL ARRIVE HERE IN LATE JUNE ON TDY AND REMAIN IN MEXICO UNTIL HIS SECURITY CLEARANCE IS COMPLETED.

3. THIS ARRANGEMENT IS SATISFACTORY TO ME, PROVIDED MR. PRESTON REMAINS IN MEXICO ON TDY AT LEAST THROUGH THE TWO JULY SHOWS. I WOULD ALSO EXPECT THAT MR. PRESTON'S RETURN TO US FOR SWEARING IN AND FOR PACKING PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL HERE AS AN FSR WOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MAJOR TRADE CENTER SHOWS.
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